

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But if Stolen Honor is allowed to run, without either an equally damaging program concerning Bush, or an very favorable program on Kerry being run as well, then this smacks of big business trying to manipulate the vote one more time. It is NOT in the public interest to air a program which purposely distorts the war record of a war hero.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.